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The first ancestor on the McMillen side of the family that we have any definite information about was Andrew J. who came from down east to Licking County Ohio, County seat of which is Newark. Andrew married Elizabeth Wilson. We can trace her lineage back for some years. Her Grandfather was William Wilson who lived in the County of Hardy in the Commonwealth of Virginia. This was before the state of West Virginia was formed. The writer has a copy of William's Will dated September 9, 1801. William's son, Archibald Wilson married Nancy Newman and Elizabeth was their child. The Wilsons owned land in central West Virginia and it is reasonable to suppose that they migrated west as no doubt Andrew did from that region.

Andrew was a well to do farmer in Ohio and owned considerable land. He was of Scotch descent. Elizabeth was Irish. They were strict Presbyterians and did all their Sunday cooking on Saturday in order to keep the Sabbath in a strict sense. The McMillens had 9 children who were:

Henrietta	Archibald	John
Dorthy	William	Newton
Benjamin	George	Abraham

I have been unable to find any information on any of these except George who was my ancestor.

GEORGE VENNAN MCMILLEN

George was born on December 15, 1818 and he died on March 5 or 6, 1901 at the age of 82 years, 2 months and 21 days, in Auburn, Indiana. He left home when he was twenty years of age and came to Corunna, Indiana. His father gave each of his brothers and sisters a fine farm but George lost out by leaving home. He met Jane Elizabeth Calkins in Corunna and they were married when she was eighteen and he was twenty-one years of age. This was on October 27, 1845. Jane was born January 8, 1827 and died on May 20, 1907. She lived 80 years, 4 months and 12 days. Jane was born in Essex County New York and died in Auburn, Indiana at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Boland who was the writer's maternal grandmother. I have a letter from "Aunt Ett Heist" Etta Mae Heist, her granddaughter in which she tells about Jane's marriage. Aunt Ett visited many years later, a Mrs. Wade in Evansville, Indiana who was present at the wedding and in fact at whose home it took place. Mrs. Wade gave the bridal couple a reception with cake and wine. She related that the bridal party arrived on horseback each having their own mount. Grandfather McMillen went into the butcher business which he conducted on the front of his property. He farmed at times in both Ohio and Indiana. There were six children from this union.

The six children were:

Elizabeth Bell (Heist)	1846-1875	Celestia Maria (Boland)	1852-1940
Andrew Calvin	1849-1914	George Carey (Cade)	1854-1934
John Newton	1851-1915	Dolly	1859-1868

These dates were taken from a page in the family Bible that was cut out of the Bible and pasted in Celestia Maria's scrap book.

A. HEIST ELIZABETH BELL (LIBBY) b. 1846 in Corunna, Indiana. She died in 1875. She married William Heist when she was 24 years of age. William's father was Henry Heist, the wealthiest farmer in De Kalb County Indiana. They were later divorced and he was remarried. Elizabeth was a very talented person. She was an artist, wrote poetry and played the guitar. She died when she was thirty-six of ptomaine poisoning. Some years before her death she joined the Catholic Church. The results of this marriage were twin girls and a boy.

Etta Mae
Metta Estelle
Bennet Carey

The twins weighed 3 1/2 pounds at birth.

a. CHRISWELL ETTA MAE (HEIST) b. 3 September 1870 in Corunna, Indiana. She lived with her grandmother McMillen after her mother died when she was seven years old. When she was 9, she went to live with her aunt Celestia Maria Boland where she spent the next 2 1/2 years. Metta Estelle had been living with Mrs. Boland and they switched homes. At the time that "Aunt Ett" came to live at the Bolands the writer's mother Jessie Boland was less than a year old. Aunt Ett helped to raise her and also me. I flatter myself when I say that she was very fond of me as a baby and I was a flower boy at her wedding. My Grandfather Mr. Boland whom she called Uncle Mike sent her to Tri-State College at Angola, Indiana, where she studied typing and shorthand. She worked at the Eckhart Carriage Factory in Auburn for several years. She inherited her mother's talent for drawing and art and her son in turn has inherited it from her.

On November 19, 1902 she married Eugene Chriswell b. 15 February 1868, d. 19 . He was the son of John J. Chriswell b. 20 December 1842, d. 18 January 1938 and Sarah E. Chriswell b. November 15, 1944, d. April 4, 1924. They lived in Princeton, Indiana for many years and in September 1924 they moved to Detroit, Michigan. Gene has been in the Real Estate and Insurance business all of his life until he retired some years ago. Mrs. Chriswell lives with her son, Kenneth at 2928 Harding Street, Detroit 14, Michigan. They had two children, Paul Boland and Kenneth Boland.

1. CHRISWELL PAUL BOLAND b. 17 February 1904, lived 5 minutes.

2. CHRISWELL KENNETH BOLAND b. 6 April 1905, in Princeton, Indiana. He grew up there and attended school. He married on November 6, 1931 to Mary Ella McCurdy b. July 10, 1911, d. 1954. He

has inherited his mother's talent in drawing. He was employed by the National Lithograph Company in Detroit for many years and in 1949 he started his own firm titled Tri-Litho Plate Company at 1040 Fort Street, West Detroit, Michigan. His hobby is hunting and sketching. Their address is 2928 Harding Street, Detroit, Michigan 14. They have three children. He is in the Lithography business.

(a) CHRISWELL BEVERLY ANN b. March 19, 1933. She is following secretarial work with the General Motors Corp.

(b) CHRISWELL BETTY LOU b. September 9, 1934. She is a little different type than her sister and wants to be a model.

(c) CHRISWELL JON J b. September 7, 1943. In school, a Boy Scout.

b. BENEDICT METTA ESTELLE (HEIST) b. September 3, 1870. A twin to Mae Etta. She came to her Aunt Celestia's to live when she was seven after her mother died and when she was nine she traded with her twin Etta and went with her Grandmother McMillen to live. She married ten years before her sister, on October 13, 1892 to Ernest Ashley Benedict b. July 7, 1869. He was a florist. They lived in Auburn at first and moved to Milford, Michigan where he engaged as a florist for many years. He has passed away. She lives at 564 North Main Street, Milford, Michigan. They had two children, Jessie and Beatrice.

1. BLAY JESSIE ELIZABETH (BENEDICT) (REIS) b. May 21, 1894. She married (1) on April 29, 1913, to John Jacob Reis, b. January 29, 1891. He was a tinner by trade. They lived on Belview Street in Detroit. She was divorced from John Reis in September 1917. They had two children, John Ernest and Donald Benedict.

(a) REIS JOHN ERNEST b. March 17, 1914. Jack married (1) on June 8, 1937 to Claire Martin b. April 17, 1918. He is a plumber by trade and they lived in Flint Michigan. Four children were born to this marriage.

REIS JOHN MARTIN (March 4, 1939)
REIS ROBERT RICHARD (b. January 21, 1941)
REIS JUDITH JOY (b. May 21, 1943)
REIS DENNIS CLARK (b. March 1, 1945)

On September 8, 1948, John and Claire were divorced. John married (2) on June 16, 1951 to Norma Wells b. March 19, 1932. They have no children

(b) REIS DONALD BENEDICT b. July 12, 1915. He married on January 3, 1937 to Evelyn Strange b. February 26, 1918. He is a silver plater by trade. They live at 711 N. Main Street, Milford, Michigan. They have 6 children who are:

REIS CAROL ANN (b. December 21, 1937)
REIS DONALD EVERETT (b. August 30, 1939)
REIS KENNETH JOSEPH (b. September 23, 1940)
REIS GERALD EDWARD (b. January 3, 1942)
REIS JOYCE LYN (b. July 15, 1945)
REIS PHYLLIS ELAINE (b. November 14, 1946)

Jessie married on December 6, 1920 to Earl A. Blay (b. January 21, 1893). They have had no children.

2. CLARK BEATRICE (BENEDICT) (MCBROOM) b. July 7, 1896. She was born in Auburn, Indiana. She married (1) Robert McBroom b. July 6, 1896. He was a draftsman by profession. They lived in Detroit. They were married in 1920 and were divorced a year later.

   Beatrice married (2) on May 22, 1923 to Ned Clark b. March 18, 1885 d. January 17, 1936 at the age of 52 of Pneumonia. Her present address is 1235 E. Commerce Street, Milford, Michigan. They lived for some time in Detroit and Ned was a clerk in a Drug Store.

c. HEIST BENNET CAREY b. January 6, 1872. He never married. He is a meat cutter by trade. He was raised from the time he was five years old by his grandmother McMillen. He is a veteran of the Spanish American War. He lives at 1715 Beloit Avenue, West Los Angeles, California. He has had poor health for many years and has T.B.

B. MCMILLEN ANDREW CALVIN b. February 9, 1849, d. November 12, 1914. He worked for the New York Central Railroad at LaPorte, Indiana for 45 years. He was married on January 29, 1879 to Amelia M. Seymour b. September 28, 1858 in LaPorte, Indiana. She d. 1895, age 37, buried in LaPorte. Andrew died in 1914 as a result of an accident. It was a tragic affair. He climbed on a box car to do some switching, lost his footing and fell. His son witnessed his father's death. He was a Yardmaster for the NYC. They had 2 children:

   a. MCADAM LOUISE (MCMILLEN) I can find out very little about her. She was graduate nurse. In later years she became interested in Christian Science.

   b. MCMILLEN SEYMOUR He worked for the NYC RR. Never married and died when still a young man.

C. MCMILLEN JOHN He was a bachelor b. January 15, 1851. He was a butcher and meat cutter by trade. He worked and lived in Corunna and in Auburn and in Casnovia, Michigan. He died at the home of his sister, Mrs. M. Boland at Auburn about 1915.

D. BOLAND CELESTIA MARIA (MCMILLEN) b. February 25, 1853 in Corunna, Indiana and died December 13, 1940 at Auburn, Indiana. She grew up in Corunna and went to school there. On October 31, 1875 she was united in marriage to Michael Boland b. December 12, 1853, d. November 24, 1918. Mrs. Boland lived to the ripe old age of 87 and out-lived her husband by 22 years. Mr. Boland came to De Kalb County in 1872 as a telegrapher for the New York Central RR at Corunna, Indiana. He was born and raised in Toledo, Ohio and attended school there. When he was a small child he lost his left arm having it cut off by a train. This was never a handicap to him and he played baseball on the Corunna team and engaged in all the normal activities. As a boy the writer can recall the times he used to ride me on the handlebars of his bicycle and play ball with me. He was in the hardware business for many years and could tie up packages as well as any man with two good hands.

The Bolands moved to Auburn, Indiana in 1872 when Mr. Boland was elected County Recorder by the Democrats. He served in this office for 8 years. He became identified with banking interests in Auburn and in 1885 he was appointed Post Master by President Grover Cleveland for a term of four years. He was associated with the old Zimmerman Manufacturing Company and became a partner in the Hardware firm of Brown, Culbertson and Boland. He later became the President of the De Kalb Mortgage Loan Company and served in that business until he died. He was most active in all civic affairs.

When the Y.M.C.A. in this city was erected by the late Charles Eckhart and his son Frank, Mr. Boland acted as their confidential secretary and adviser and it is to his credit that the Y.M.C.A. and the Eckhart Public Library stand as living monuments of these splendid men. He was raised a Catholic but of his own accord was converted to the Protestant faith and became a prominent and active member of the First Methodist Church in Auburn. He was a member of the school board for many many years and was instrumental in securing the donation from Mr. McIntosh for the school that was built by that name. He had much to do with the gift of the Eckhart Park to Auburn. He used to head up the county Free Fall Festivals and prior to that the Fairs. He belonged to the I.O.O.F. Lodge and the Knights of Pythias. He was a staunch Democrat and would have denounced the New and Fair Deals as a bunch of gangsters had he been alive today. He was a man of principle and respected and loved by all of Auburn.

It should not be amiss at this time if I should include a personal word about Mr. and Mrs. Boland, my grandparents. Due to circumstances of deaths in the family it became their lot to help in the raising of their relatives and grandchildren.

Shortly after they were married Mrs. Boland's sister's child, Metta Estelle Heist came to live with them upon the death of her mother. Three years later she left and her twin sister Etta Mae came to the Bolands where she lived for the next twenty-two and one-half years. Then her own two children came along and during the last years of

her parent's lives, Mrs. Boland cared for them until their death. Upon the death of their only daughter she undertook the raising of their child George who is the writer of this account. A few years later her son's child, Jessie Boland came to live with them and they raised her. Just stop and ponder on this for a minute and one will realize that these folks surely did their share in this world. I recall a letter written to me, when Grandmother died, by my Father and in which he recalls all of the children Grandmother had raised and he ended by saying and I quote: "Never in those long years do I ever recall that she ever complained or was unhappy about the job that was hers to do". I think this shows a characteristic of Grandmother that should be called to mind when ever we think of her.

She was always called Let or Lettie by Grandfather and she called him Mike. They were wonderful folks and were always kind and considerate of everyone about them. They had an unlimited host of friends in Auburn and the love and respect of them all. Their marriage was blessed with two children: Jessie Belle and George Carey.

a. ECKHART JESSIE BELLE (BOLAND) b. August 22, 1876, d. March 28, 1898. She was twenty-one years and seven months of age when she passed away. She was born in Corunna, and spent her years of schooling in Auburn, graduating from Auburn High School in 1894. She married Frank Everhart Eckhart(b. October 9, 1867, d. June 14, 1954) on June 3, 1896. Frank was the son of Charles and Barbara Ellen (Ashleman) Eckhart. Mr. Charles Eckhart was the founder and owner of the Eckhart Carriage Company and Mr. Frank Eckhart, the active manager of this plant. He later formed the Auburn Automobile Company. Mr. Eckhart lived at 719 N. Camden Drive, Beverly Hills, California. They had one child: George Boland.

ECKHART GEORGE BOLAND b. October 11, 1897 at Auburn, Indiana. When he was 6 months old his mother died. She passed away in Los Angeles where she had gone with her husband and her mother to visit her husband's parents. It was thought that the change of climate and the nice weather in California would help her regain her health. They lived at 202 South Workman Street. She died of Brights Disease. She is burried in Auburn Cemetery. George was raised by his grandparents until he was six. At that time, April 21, 1903 his father married again to Grace (Leiter) of Butler, b. June 30, 1876.

George went through school at Auburn. In 1912, he attended the Interlaken School for Boys near La Porte, Indiana and in 1914 he entered De Pauw University at Greencastle, Indiana. He graduated from Stanford University in the class of 1920. He was a member of the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity at both schools. In 1918 he was in the U. S. Navy, but saw no action and did not get overseas. In 1943, he was in the U. S. Air Corps in the Radio section. He saw no action in this war. After graduation from college he was employed by the Chevrolet

Motor Company of Detroit for four years and then became an Automobile dealer for Chevrolet Cars and Trucks in San Jose, California in 1926.

He married Agnes Matilda Carmichael(b. June 12, 1901) in September 1929. They were divorced in 1935. No children. He was a dealer for Buick and Pontiac cars in Stockton in 1933 until 1936. In 1940, he moved to Tucson, Arizona, to live and is at present a clerk with the Southern Pacific RR. Company there. His address is PO Box 5315 and he resides at 4141 East River Road.

b. BOLAND GEORGE CAREY b. April 4, 1878, d. October 5, 1921 at age 43 years and 6 months. He was born in Auburn and grew up there attending school and graduating from High School in 1894. He became assistant cashier of the Farmers' Bank when a young man. He married on May 16, 1899 to Cecil Bishop b. August 23, 1879, d. May 31, 1910 or 1911. Due to ill health he moved to Gary, Okla. in 1900 where he was in business for several years. He was divorced from Cecil. She preceded him in death by several years. They had one child, Jessie.

BAXTER JESSIE (BOLAND) b. November 26, 1901 in Auburn. She attended school in Auburn. She came to live with her grandfather and grandmother Boland when she was about twelve years of age. She attended De Pauw University at Greencastle, graduating in . She attended Wellesley College for Girls and received a degree entitling her to teach Physical Education which she did for several years in Ohio and Indiana. She is a member of the Alpha Chi Sorority. On March 28, 1920, she married George Baxter b. June 23, 1885. George is from Auburn. He graduated from Purdue University at La Fayette, Indiana with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. He was with the Ford Company in Detroit for some years and later a Ford Dealer in Auburn. He is now in the mortgage loan and Real Estate and Insurance business in Auburn. Their address is 211 East Sixth Street, Auburn, Indiana. They have two children; Susanne, and John Michael.

(a) BAXTER SUSANNE(SUE) b. March 6, 1935. Sue finished her schooling in Auburn and is in attendance at the University of Indiana, beginning the fall of 1952. She is talented in drawing and no doubt gets this from her mother's family, the McMillens.

(b) BAXTER JOHN MICHAEL b. July 23, 1938. He is named after his two grandfathers. In school in Auburn.

George Boland met Floy Goss(November 25, 1888) in Tyler, Texas and they were married on July 26, 1913. They came to Auburn for their honeymoon and I was about sixteen at the time. I fell in love with Aunt Floy and thought she was the nicest and prettiest person

I had ever known. They lived in Kokomo and in Muncie for a few years and because of George's health, they moved back west in 1916 and were in Organ, New Mexico for some years. George was a caretaker there for the Phelps Dodge Mining Corporation for these years. The fall of 1917 found them in old Mexico at Nacazori, Sonora where George was with the Phelps Dodge as a bookkeeper. He became very ill there with T.B. and Grandmother Boland and Jessie visited them there. Shortly thereafter they moved back to Organ where George died in 1921. Floy still lives at Organ, and has been the Post-mistress there for a long time. The writer visited her there a couple of times in the last few years. She is in poor health and has T.B. Floy is the same lovely person that she was when I first saw her in 1913.

E. MCMILLEN GEORGE CAREY (CADE) b. December 18, 1854, d. January 12, 1934. He was born and grew up in Corunna. He went with the New York Central R.R. when he was quite young as a telegrapher and he became a Dispatcher, and was with the road in Butler, Indiana in 1881. He moved to Elkhart, Indiana, in 1888, where he lived until he retired in 1925 when he moved to Los Angeles to live. Uncle Cade was apparently my grandmother's favorite brother and they were very fond of each other and visited back and forth. Carey married Mary Belle Lipsett,(b. December 29, 1856, d. July 4, 1929.) She was the daughter of John(b. June 13, 1829, d. October 16, 1896)and Nancy (Gloyd) Lipsett(b. August 8, 1831, d. February 18, 1900.) They were married July 3, 1854. They had one son, Gloyd.

MCMILLEN GLOYD b. December 13, 1880, d. December 14, 1942. He was born in Corunna, Indiana. He went with the New York Central when he was a young man. He was a supervisor of track for the RR and began in Elkhart, moved to Hillsdale for 7 years, then to Hammond, Indiana until 1925 when he moved to Los Angeles, Calif. to live. Here he was in Real Estate and in Police work and was the head of the Police Service for M.G.M. Movie Studios when he died. Gloyd married Rosalba W. Zechiel(b. February 13, 1885) on November 13, 1907. Her father was a minister. She lives at 4124 Madison Avenue, Culver City, California. I visited her in January 1952 and enjoyed a fine visit with her and she supplied me with a great deal of data for this history.

Carey married (2) Mrs. Emory Metz on March 1, 1930. To quote Etta Chriswell, "Mr. Metz, her first husband was my first school teacher. Aunt Belle died of a cancer. She and Uncle Cade skimped all their life so they could spend their old days in peace and luxury in Calif." Mrs. Metz was Camille J. Britton. She died September 27, 1937. Uncle Cade's second marriage was not a very happy one.

F. MCMILLEN DOLLY MAY b. December 12, 1859, d. 1868. She died when she was nine years old of diptheria. She was the last and the youngest of the six children of George and Jane Elizabeth McMillen.

WILL OF WM. WILSON (XV I)

IN THE NAME OF GOD, AMEN, I William Wilson of the County of Hardy and Commonwealth of Virginia, being sick and weak in body, but of sound mind, memory and understanding, thanks be to God for his mercies, and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, and being desireous to settle my worldly affairs, & thereby be the better prepared to leave this world, when it shall please God to call me, hence, do therefore make and publish this my last Will and testament, in manner and form following, (that is to say).

FIRST, and principally I commend my soul to God who gave it and my body I commit to the earth to be decently buried at the discretion of my dear wife and executors bereafter named, who I doubt not will manage it with all requisite prudence. And to such worldly estate as God of his Goodness hath bestowed upon me, after my Just Debts & funeral charges are paid I give and bequeath to my loving wife Elizabeth Wilson one third part of all my movable estate after my Just Debts and Legacies herein after mentioned, also a Negro wench named Sue, during her life or Widowhood, also that end of my dwelling House, known by the name of my bed room, and half the kitchen adjoining said room, and all the Garden where the wine Grapes are now planted, and ten apple trees in the old Orchard, where she shall choose, likewise she shall have not less than fifteen Bushells of wheat, ten of Rye, and ten of corn, three hundred pounds of meal and twenty Gallons of Rye Liquor, or brandy annually, and one horse and two cows fed (upon her buying the said cows and Horse of her own property) at the expense of my son James Wilson.

ITEM, I give and bequeath unto my sons, Benjamin, Archibald, William & John Wilson, and to my Grand son William Wilson, son of Benjamin Wilson, five shillings sterling each, to them and their heirs forever-

ITEM, I give and bequeath unto my son David Wilson, two hundred and fifty acres of the lower end of the plantation whereon he now lives, to him the said David, his heirs and assigns forever.

ITEM,I give and bequeath unto Moses Wilson, son of William Wilson, two hundred and Eighteen acres of that land I bought of James Scot to him the said Moses Wilson, his heirs and assigns forever.

ITEM, I give and bequeath unto my Grand son Archibald Wilson, son of Archibald Wilson, two hundred and Eighteen acres of that land I bought of James Scot to him the said Archibald Wilson, his heirs and assigns forever.

ITEM, I will and bequeath to my Grandson, Jacob Wilson, son of David Wilson, two hyndred and fifty acres of land, the remaining part of that tract of land whereon David Wilson now lives, adjoining to George Claypoole, to him the said Jacob Wilson, his heirs and assigns forever.

ITEM, I give and bequeath unto my eldest Daughter , Elizabeth Claypoole, a negro Girl named Poll, to her the said Elizabeth Claypoole, her heirs and assigns forever.

ITEM, I give and bequeath to my youngest Daughter, Margaret Ruddle a young negro Girl named Linda to her the said Margaret Ruddell her heirs and assigns forever.

ITEM, I give and bequeath to my youngest son Solomon Wilson, the tract of land known by the name of the lick place, also the water, and water courses from the head of the big spring down to the corner line between the two old surveys, standing on the S.E. side of said river at the head of the long Bottom, then the land from the opposite side corner on the N. W. side of said run including all the new survey made by Mr. Poston, thence down the S.E. side of said run till opposite the mill, thence leaving the run at the head of the bottom and running down the middle of the bank which divides the high lands from the bottom till opposite the alum rock, thence across the bottom and across the run untill Blackburn's line including all Blackburn's place and so much of the lower old survey as lies on the N. W. side of said run and water mark whereon the mills stand, likewise a Negro Boy named Sam, to him the said Solomon together with the Smith's Tools, his heirs and assigns forever.

ITEM,I give and bequeath unto my son,James Wilson the plantation whereon I now live, except so much of the lower survey as is devised as above to my son Solomon, the upper survey containing one hundred and twenty five acres, and the lower survey two hundred & twenty five, also the negro wench named Sue, at his mother's decease, to him the said James Wilson, his heirs and assigns forever.

ITEM, I will & bequeath that my still and the utensils thereunto belonging to the Joint property of my two sons James and Solomon Wilson, and that after my debts and Legacies are paid the moveable estate be equally divided between my Wife Elizabeth Wilson, and my said sons James and Solomon Wilson, except the bonds and book Debts, which shall be equally divided between my said sons James and Solomon, likewise that Solomon during his mother's life do pay annually unto his brother James for the support of their mother, five Bushels of Wheat & five bushels of Corn and ten gallons of Rye liquor or brandy.

And lastly, I do hereby constitute and appoint my sons Archibald Wilson, James Wilson and David Wilson, executors of this my last Will and Testament, revoking and annuling all former wills by me heretofore made, ratifying and confirming this and non other to be my last Will and Testament. In Testimony Whereof I have herunto set my hand and seal this _____ day of May 26, in the year of our lord one thousand seven hundred and Ninety four, and in the eighteenth year of American Independence.

William Wilson (Seal)

Signed sealed, published &
Declared in the presence of us,
John Hanford,
John Hanford
his
James Steward
mark

At a court held for Hardy County the 9 th of September, 1801.
This Last Will and Testament of William Wilson, dec'd.
was proved by the oathes of John Steward and James Steward,
two of the witnesses thereto, and ordered to be recorded, and
on the motion of Archibald Wilson, James Wilson, and David
Wilson, the executors therein named, who made oath thereto
according to Law, certificate is granted them for obtaining
a probate thereof in due form, giving security, whereupon they
with Archibald Wilson and Anthony Wilson, their securities,
entered into and acknowledged a bond in the penalty of
Two Thousand dollars, conditioned as the Law directs.

Ed Williams

Will Book No. 1, Page 207 & c.
Hardy County Court Records --
"A True Copy";
Attest;

C.C.Wise, Clerk,
County Court, Hardy County, West Va.

APRAISEMENT WILLIAM WILSON (XV I)

BY VIRTUR OF AN ORDER OF HARDY COURT BEARING DATE YE 10"SEPT. 1801 TO US DIRECTED TO APRAISE THE PERSONAL ESTATE OF WM. WISLON, DEC'D. WE HAVE BEING FIRST SWORN PROCEDED TO APRAISE THIS 19 " DAY OF SEPT. 1801, AS FOLLOWETH, TO WIT--

	D	C
one Eight day clock	26	75
one bed, bedstead and furniture	15	"
one do in the North corner of the room	14	25
one do in the upper room	8	"
one chist in the upper room	1	"
one do in the low room	1	30
one ovel table	1	25
one dow trough amall 25 one do large 1.00	1	25
one trunk 50, money scales 50	1	"
½ doz. chairs 1.50, one large bible 75	2	25
Ambrose looking unto Jesus 45, Inpartial Testimony .25	2	70
Willson Sacremental meditation 20-Confession of faith 15	1	35
Psalm book 12- pamphlets 5, one cutlass 75, spectacles and case 25	1	17
1 Great coat 1.75, 1 strait coat 1.75, 1 ditto 100	4	50
2 shirts 1 dol. 1 pair velvit breeches 35- 3 pair overhalls 75	2	10
3 west coats 30 - remnent of lincy 60 2 pair stocking 20	1	10
1 Wool Hat	1	25
1 Old saddle 25 - horse gear 25, 1 curry knife 25 - spinning wheels	3	75
2 check reels 50 - 1 hoghead 75 - 2 double barrels 1.10 1 barrel & half barrel 50-1 open vessel	3	25
1 cross cut saw 1.50 - large auger 25	1	75
1 Red Cow with white face	11	"

1 Black Cow with back	9	"
1 Young pied dow	9	75
1 brindle cow with white face	9	50
1 Brown Cow with cruked horns	9	75
one Gray horse 10.00 - one bay mare 15.00	25	"
one large hay stack in the upper meadow	6	"
one small ditto 4.15 one ditto in the low meadow	6	"
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one heifer 6.63, one steer 1 year old 3- 1 heifer 1 year old 2.25	11-	88
one pide steer calf 1.65 - one heifer calf 1.50 one black steer calf 1.50	4	65
one steer calf 1.75, seven sheep 8.30, one weavers loom 3-5 reeds , one razor and hone 25, 8 hogs 10 - one field of corn25.00	15 35	5 25
Black smiths tools	10	"
1 handsaw - axes and addes 1.75, one still and utensils 20	21	75
1 screw & tong 20-2 plows, 1 pair Irons, Clevises & double trees	2	70
2-axes mall ring & Iron wedge 1.75, one rifle Gun 5.50	7	25
2 pair shoes 1, one pair steelyards 80, one sythe 25	1	75
1 Round Plain 12, quill wheel & Swifts -- 6 two racks 1.50	1	68
fire tongs & shovel 75, 2 dotch ovens with lids 1.75	3	25
one large pot 2.50one small do 1.25 one pot 75, one do small 75	8	50
small pot and Griddle 75, three wash tubs, 75. 2 broad hoes1	2	50
2 smoothing Irons 25, lantern 35, six pails & piggins 1 one churn 50, one dresser and furniture 11.44	11	94

THE MCMILLEN FAMILY HISTORY

The first ancestor on the McMillen side of the family that we have any definite information about was Andrew J. who came from down east to Licking County Ohio, County seat of which is Newark. Andrew married Elizabeth Wilson. We can trace her lineage back for some years. Her Grandfather was William Wilson who lived in the County of Hardy in the Commonwealth of Virginia. This was before the state of West Virginia was formed. The writer has a copy of William's Will dated September 9, 1801. William's son, Archibald Wilson married Nancy Newman and Elizabeth was their child. The Wilsons owned land in central West Virginia and it is reasonable to suppose that they migrated west as no doubt Andrew did from that region.

Andrew was a well to do farmer in Ohio and owned considerable land. He was of Scotch descent. Elizabeth was Irish. They were strict Presbyterians and did all their Sunday cooking on Saturday in order to keep the Sabbath in a strict sense. The McMillens had 9 children who were:

Henrietta	Archibald	John
Dorthy	William	Newton
Benjamin	George	Abraham

I have been unable to find any information on any of these except George who was my ancestor.

GEORGE VENNAN MCMILLEN

George was born on December 15, 1818 and he died on March 5 or 6, 1901 at the age of 82 years, 2 months and 21 days, in Auburn, Indiana. He left home when he was twenty years of age and came to Corunna, Indiana. His father gave each of his brothers and sisters a fine farm but George lost out by leaving home. He met Jane Elizabeth Calkins in Corunna and they were married when she was eighteen and he was twenty-one years of age. This was on October 27, 1845. Jane was born January 8, 1827 and died on May 20, 1907. She lived 80 years, 4 months and 12 days. Jane was born in Essex County New York and died in Auburn, Indiana at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Boland who was the writer's maternal grandmother. I have a letter from "Aunt Ett Heist" Etta Mae Heist, her granddaughter in which she tells about Jane's marriage. Aunt Ett visited many years later, a Mrs. Wade in Evansville, Indiana who was present at the wedding and in fact at whose home it took place. Mrs. Wade gave the bridal couple a reception with cake and wine. She related that the bridal party arrived on horseback each having their own mount. Grandfather McMillen went into the butcher business which he conducted on the front of his property. He farmed at times in both Ohio and Indiana. There were six children from this union.

The six children were:

Elizabeth Bell (Heist)	1846-1875	Celestia Maria (Boland)	1852-1940
Andrew Calvin	1849-1914	George Carey (Cade)	1854-1934
John Newton	1851-1915	Dolly	1859-1868

These dates were taken from a page in the family Bible that was cut out of the Bible and pasted in Celestia Maria's scrap book.

A. HEIST ELIZABETH BELL (LIBBY) b. 1846 in Corunna, Indiana. She died in 1875. She married William Heist when she was 24 years of age. William's father was Henry Heist, the wealthiest farmer in De Kalb County Indiana. They were later divorced and he was remarried. Elizabeth was a very talented person. She was an artist, wrote poetry and played the guitar. She died when she was thirty-six of ptomaine poisoning. Some years before her death she joined the Catholic Church. The results of this marriage were twin girls and a boy.

Etta Mae
Metta Estelle
Bennet Carey

The twins weighed 3 1/2 pounds at birth.

a. CHRISWELL ETTA MAE (HEIST) b. 3 September 1870 in Corunna, Indiana. She lived with her grandmother McMillen after her mother died when she was seven years old. When she was 9, she went to live with her aunt Celestia Maria Boland where she spent the next 2 1/2 years. Metta Estelle had been living with Mrs. Boland and they switched homes. At the time that "Aunt Ett" came to live at the Bolands the writer's mother Jessie Boland was less than a year old. Aunt Ett helped to raise her and also me. I flatter myself when I say that she was very fond of me as a baby and I was a flower boy at her wedding. My Grandfather Mr. Boland whom she called Uncle Mike sent her to Tri-State College at Angola, Indiana, where she studied typing and shorthand. She worked at the Eckhart Carriage Factory in Auburn for several years. She inherited her mother's talent for drawing and art and her son in turn has inherited it from her.

On November 19, 1902 she married Eugene Chriswell b. 15 February 1868, d. 19 . He was the son of John J. Chriswell b. 20 December 1842, d. 18 January 1938 and Sarah E. Chriswell b. November 15, 1944, d. April 4, 1924. They lived in Princeton, Indiana for many years and in September 1924 they moved to Detroit, Michigan. Gene has been in the Real Estate and Insurance business all of his life until he retired some years ago. Mrs. Chriswell lives with her son, Kenneth at 2928 Harding Street, Detroit 14, Michigan. They had two children, Paul Boland and Kenneth Boland.

1. CHRISWELL PAUL BOLAND b. 17 February 1904, lived 5 minutes.

2. CHRISWELL KENNETH BOLAND b. 6 April 1905, in Princeton, Indiana. He grew up there and attended school. He married on November 6, 1931 to Mary Ella McCurdy b. July 10, 1911, d. 1954. He

has inherited his mother's talent in drawing. He was employed by the National Lithograph Company in Detroit for many years and in 1949 he started his own firm titled Tri-Litho Plate Company at 1040 Fort Street, West Detroit, Michigan. His hobby is hunting and sketching. Their address is 2928 Harding Street, Detroit, Michigan 14. They have three children. He is in the Lithography business.

(a) CHRISWELL BEVERLY ANN b. March 19, 1933. She is following secretarial work with the General Motors Corp.

(b) CHRISWELL BETTY LOU b. September 9, 1934. She is a little different type than her sister and wants to be a model.

(c) CHRISWELL JON J b. September 7, 1943. In school, a Boy Scout.

b. BENEDICT METTA ESTELLE (HEIST) b. September 3, 1870. A twin to Mae Etta. She came to her Aunt Celestia's to live when she was seven after her mother died and when she was nine she traded with her twin Etta and went with her Grandmother McMillen to live. She married ten years before her sister, on October 13, 1892 to Ernest Ashley Benedict b. July 7, 1869. He was a florist. They lived in Auburn at first and moved to Milford, Michigan where he engaged as a florist for many years. He has passed away. She lives at 564 North Main Street, Milford, Michigan. They had two children, Jessie and Beatrice.

1. BLAY JESSIE ELIZABETH (BENEDICT) (REIS) b. May 21, 1894. She married (1) on April 29, 1913, to John Jacob Reis, b. January 29, 1891. He was a tinner by trade. They lived on Belview Street in Detroit. She was divorced from John Reis in September 1917. They had two children, John Ernest and Donald Benedict.

(a) REIS JOHN ERNEST b. March 17, 1914. Jack married (1) on June 8, 1937 to Claire Martin b. April 17, 1918. He is a plumber by trade and they lived in Flint Michigan. Four children were born to this marriage.

REIS JOHN MARTIN (March 4, 1939)
REIS ROBERT RICHARD (b. January 21, 1941)
REIS JUDITH JOY (b. May 21, 1943)
REIS DENNIS CLARK (b. March 1, 1945)

On September 8, 1948, John and Claire were divorced. John married (2) on June 16, 1951 to Norma Wells b. March 19, 1932. They have no children

(b) REIS DONALD BENEDICT b. July 12, 1915. He married on January 3, 1937 to Evelyn Strange b. February 26, 1918. He is a silver plater by trade. They live at 711 N. Main Street, Milford, Michigan. They have 6 children who are:

REIS CAROL ANN (b. December 21, 1937)
REIS DONALD EVERETT (b. August 30, 1939)
REIS KENNETH JOSEPH (b. September 23, 1940)
REIS GERALD EDWARD (b. January 3, 1942)
REIS JOYCE LYN (b. July 15, 1945)
REIS PHYLLIS ELAINE (b. November 14, 1946)

Jessie married on December 6, 1920 to Earl A. Blay (b. January 21, 1893). They have had no children.

2. CLARK BEATRICE (BENEDICT) (MCBROOM) b. July 7, 1896. She was born in Auburn, Indiana. She married (1) Robert McBroom b. July 6, 1896. He was a draftsman by profession. They lived in Detroit. They were married in 1920 and were divorced a year later.

   Beatrice married (2) on May 22, 1923 to Ned Clark b. March 18, 1885 d. January 17, 1936 at the age of 52 of Pneumonia. Her present address is 1235 E. Commerce Street, Milford, Michigan. They lived for some time in Detroit and Ned was a clerk in a Drug Store.

c. HEIST BENNET CAREY b. January 6, 1872. He never married. He is a meat cutter by trade. He was raised from the time he was five years old by his grandmother McMillen. He is a veteran of the Spanish American War. He lives at 1715 Beloit Avenue, West Los Angeles, California. He has had poor health for many years and has T.B.

B. MCMILLEN ANDREW CALVIN b. February 9, 1849, d. November 12, 1914. He worked for the New York Central Railroad at LaPorte, Indiana for 45 years. He was married on January 29, 1879 to Amelia M. Seymour b. September 28, 1858 in LaPorte, Indiana. She d. 1895, age 37, buried in LaPorte. Andrew died in 1914 as a result of an accident. It was a tragic affair. He climbed on a box car to do some switching, lost his footing and fell. His son witnessed his father's death. He was a Yardmaster for the NYC. They had 2 children:

   a. MCADAM LOUISE (MCMILLEN) I can find out very little about her. She was graduate nurse. In later years she became interested in Christian Science.

   b. MCMILLEN SEYMOUR He worked for the NYC RR. Never married and died when still a young man.

C. MCMILLEN JOHN He was a bachelor b. January 15, 1851. He was a butcher and meat cutter by trade. He worked and lived in Corunna and in Auburn and in Casnovia, Michigan. He died at the home of his sister, Mrs. M. Boland at Auburn about 1915.

D. BOLAND CELESTIA MARIA (MCMILLEN) b. February 25, 1853 in Corunna, Indiana and died December 13, 1940 at Auburn, Indiana. She grew up in Corunna and went to school there. On October 31, 1875 she was united in marriage to Michael Boland b. December 12, 1853, d. November 24, 1918. Mrs. Boland lived to the ripe old age of 87 and out-lived her husband by 22 years. Mr. Boland came to De Kalb County in 1872 as a telegrapher for the New York Central RR at Corunna, Indiana. He was born and raised in Toledo, Ohio and attended school there. When he was a small child he lost his left arm having it cut off by a train. This was never a handicap to him and he played baseball on the Corunna team and engaged in all the normal activities. As a boy the writer can recall the times he used to ride me on the handlebars of his bicycle and play ball with me. He was in the hardware business for many years and could tie up packages as well as any man with two good hands.

The Bolands moved to Auburn, Indiana in 1872 when Mr. Boland was elected County Recorder by the Democrats. He served in this office for 8 years. He became identified with banking interests in Auburn and in 1885 he was appointed Post Master by President Grover Cleveland for a term of four years. He was associated with the old Zimmerman Manufacturing Company and became a partner in the Hardware firm of Brown, Culbertson and Boland. He later became the President of the De Kalb Mortgage Loan Company and served in that business until he died. He was most active in all civic affairs.

When the Y.M.C.A. in this city was erected by the late Charles Eckhart and his son Frank, Mr. Boland acted as their confidential secretary and adviser and it is to his credit that the Y.M.C.A. and the Eckhart Public Library stand as living monuments of these splendid men. He was raised a Catholic but of his own accord was converted to the Protestant faith and became a prominent and active member of the First Methodist Church in Auburn. He was a member of the school board for many many years and was instrumental in securing the donation from Mr. McIntosh for the school that was built by that name. He had much to do with the gift of the Eckhart Park to Auburn. He used to head up the county Free Fall Festivals and prior to that the Fairs. He belonged to the I.O.O.F. Lodge and the Knights of Pythias. He was a staunch Democrat and would have denounced the New and Fair Deals as a bunch of gangsters had he been alive today. He was a man of principle and respected and loved by all of Auburn.

It should not be amiss at this time if I should include a personal word about Mr. and Mrs. Boland, my grandparents. Due to circumstances of deaths in the family it became their lot to help in the raising of their relatives and grandchildren.

Shortly after they were married Mrs. Boland's sister's child, Metta Estelle Heist came to live with them upon the death of her mother. Three years later she left and her twin sister Etta Mae came to the Bolands where she lived for the next twenty-two and one-half years. Then her own two children came along and during the last years of

her parent's lives, Mrs. Boland cared for them until their death. Upon the death of their only daughter she undertook the raising of their child George who is the writer of this account. A few years later her son's child, Jessie Boland came to live with them and they raised her. Just stop and ponder on this for a minute and one will realize that these folks surely did their share in this world. I recall a letter written to me, when Grandmother died, by my Father and in which he recalls all of the children Grandmother had raised and he ended by saying and I quote: "Never in those long years do I ever recall that she ever complained or was unhappy about the job that was hers to do". I think this shows a characteristic of Grandmother that should be called to mind when ever we think of her.

She was always called Let or Lettie by Grandfather and she called him Mike. They were wonderful folks and were always kind and considerate of everyone about them. They had an unlimited host of friends in Auburn and the love and respect of them all. Their marriage was blessed with two children: Jessie Belle and George Carey.

a. ECKHART JESSIE BELLE (BOLAND) b. August 22, 1876, d. March 28, 1898. She was twenty-one years and seven months of age when she passed away. She was born in Corunna, and spent her years of schooling in Auburn, graduating from Auburn High School in 1894. She married Frank Everhart Eckhart(b. October 9, 1867, d. June 14, 1954) on June 3, 1896. Frank was the son of Charles and Barbara Ellen (Ashleman) Eckhart. Mr. Charles Eckhart was the founder and owner of the Eckhart Carriage Company and Mr. Frank Eckhart, the active manager of this plant. He later formed the Auburn Automobile Company. Mr. Eckhart lived at 719 N. Camden Drive, Beverly Hills, California. They had one child: George Boland.

ECKHART GEORGE BOLAND b. October 11, 1897 at Auburn, Indiana. When he was 6 months old his mother died. She passed away in Los Angeles where she had gone with her husband and her mother to visit her husband's parents. It was thought that the change of climate and the nice weather in California would help her regain her health. They lived at 202 South Workman Street. She died of Brights Disease. She is burried in Auburn Cemetery. George was raised by his grandparents until he was six. At that time, April 21, 1903 his father married again to Grace (Leiter) of Butler, b. June 30, 1876.

George went through school at Auburn. In 1912, he attended the Interlaken School for Boys near La Porte, Indiana and in 1914 he entered De Pauw University at Greencastle, Indiana. He graduated from Stanford University in the class of 1920. He was a member of the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity at both schools. In 1918 he was in the U. S. Navy, but saw no action and did not get overseas. In 1943, he was in the U. S. Air Corps in the Radio section. He saw no action in this war. After graduation from college he was employed by the Chevrolet

Motor Company of Detroit for four years and then became an Automobile dealer for Chevrolet Cars and Trucks in San Jose, California in 1926.

He married Agnes Matilda Carmichael(b. June 12, 1901) in September 1929. They were divorced in 1935. No children. He was a dealer for Buick and Pontiac cars in Stockton in 1933 until 1936. In 1940, he moved to Tucson, Arizona, to live and is at present a clerk with the Southern Pacific RR. Company there. His address is PO Box 5315 and he resides at 4141 East River Road.

b. BOLAND GEORGE CAREY b. April 4, 1878, d. October 5, 1921 at age 43 years and 6 months. He was born in Auburn and grew up there attending school and graduating from High School in 1894. He became assistant cashier of the Farmers' Bank when a young man. He married on May 16, 1899 to Cecil Bishop b. August 23, 1879, d. May 31, 1910 or 1911. Due to ill health he moved to Gary, Okla. in 1900 where he was in business for several years. He was divorced from Cecil. She preceded him in death by several years. They had one child, Jessie.

BAXTER JESSIE (BOLAND) b. November 26, 1901 in Auburn. She attended school in Auburn. She came to live with her grandfather and grandmother Boland when she was about twelve years of age. She attended De Pauw University at Greencastle, graduating in . She attended Wellesley College for Girls and received a degree entitling her to teach Physical Education which she did for several years in Ohio and Indiana. She is a member of the Alpha Chi Sorority. On March 28, 1920, she married George Baxter b. June 23, 1885. George is from Auburn. He graduated from Purdue University at La Fayette, Indiana with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. He was with the Ford Company in Detroit for some years and later a Ford Dealer in Auburn. He is now in the mortgage loan and Real Estate and Insurance business in Auburn. Their address is 211 East Sixth Street, Auburn, Indiana. They have two children; Susanne, and John Michael.

(a) BAXTER SUSANNE(SUE) b. March 6, 1935. Sue finished her schooling in Auburn and is in attendance at the University of Indiana, beginning the fall of 1952. She is talented in drawing and no doubt gets this from her mother's family, the McMillens.

(b) BAXTER JOHN MICHAEL b. July 23, 1938. He is named after his two grandfathers. In schoolin Auburn.

George Boland met Floy Goss(November 25, 1888) in Tyler, Texas and they were married on July 26, 1913. They came to Auburn for their honeymoon and I was about sixteen at the time. I fell in love with Aunt Floy and thought she was the nicest and prettiest person

I had ever known. They lived in Kokomo and in Muncie for a few years and because of George's health, they moved back west in 1916 and were in Organ, New Mexico for some years. George was a caretaker there for the Phelps Dodge Mining Corporation for these years. The fall of 1917 found them in old Mexico at Nacazori, Sonora where George was with the Phelps Dodge as a bookkeeper. He became very ill there with T.B. and Grandmother Boland and Jessie visited them there. Shortly thereafter they moved back to Organ where George died in 1921. Floy still lives at Organ, and has been the Post-mistress there for a long time. The writer visited her there a couple of times in the last few years. She is in poor health and has T.B. Floy is the same lovely person that she was when I first saw her in 1913.

E. MCMILLEN GEORGE CAREY (CADE) b. December 18, 1854, d. January 12, 1934. He was born and grew up in Corunna. He went with the New York Central R.R. when he was quite young as a telegrapher and he became a Dispatcher, and was with the road in Butler, Indiana in 1881. He moved to Elkhart, Indiana, in 1888, where he lived until he retired in 1925 when he moved to Los Angeles to live. Uncle Cade was apparently my grandmother's favorite brother and they were very fond of each other and visited back and forth. Carey married Mary Belle Lipsett,(b. December 29, 1856, d. July 4, 1929.) She was the daughter of John(b. June 13, 1829, d. October 16, 1896)and Nancy (Gloyd) Lipsett(b. August 8, 1831, d. February 18, 1900.) They were married July 3, 1854. They had one son, Gloyd.

MCMILLEN GLOYD b. December 13, 1880, d. December 14, 1942. He was born in Corunna, Indiana. He went with the New York Central when he was a young man. He was a supervisor of track for the RR and began in Elkhart, moved to Hillsdale for 7 years, then to Hammond, Indiana until 1925 when he moved to Los Angeles, Calif. to live. Here he was in Real Estate and in Police work and was the head of the Police Service for M.G.M. Movie Studios when he died. Gloyd married Rosalba W. Zechiel(b. February 13, 1885) on November 13, 1907. Her father was a minister. She lives at 4124 Madison Avenue, Culver City, California. I visited her in January 1952 and enjoyed a fine visit with her and she supplied me with a great deal of data for this history.

Carey married (2) Mrs. Emory Metz on March 1, 1930. To quote Etta Chriswell, "Mr. Metz, her first husband was my first school teacher. Aunt Belle died of a cancer. She and Uncle Cade skimped all their life so they could spend their old days in peace and luxury in Calif." Mrs. Metz was Camille J. Britton. She died September 27, 1937. Uncle Cade's second marriage was not a very happy one.

F. MCMILLEN DOLLY MAY b. December 12, 1859, d. 1868. She died when she was nine years old of diptheria. She was the last and the youngest of the six children of George and Jane Elizabeth McMillen.

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Dear Mrs Smith;

I am enclosing herewith additional material on the Boland and Mc Millen families. Also a few additional sheets one of which is a copy of the Willian Wilson an ancestor who lived in what at that time was Virginia. It was later to become West Virginia. His son Benjamin Wilson's daughter Elizabeth Wilson married Andrew Mc Millen and their Son George Vennan (or Venemon) Mc Millen married Jane Calkins. Their daughter Celestia Maria married Michael Boland. These two persons are my maternal Grandparents of myself, George Boland Eckhart and Jessie Boland Baxter.

I would appreciate it if you could keep all this material intact under my name in one file.

Later I may have some additional material on my Grandfather Charles Eckhart who gave the library to Auburn.

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